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EDITORIAL NOTES**DANGEROUS PHYLACOGENS.**

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* has done the medical profession of this country a great service in sounding a warning against the promiscuous use of Phylacogens, the name which the manufacturers, Parke, Davis & Co., have given to the "Schafer serum." Incidentally, in passing, the editor wishes to apologize for allowing an advertisement of this proprietary preparation to appear in the March issue of the JOURNAL. He was under the impression that it was manufactured under a Government license, but that seems to be not the case; also, it has not been submitted to the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry and no one but the manufacturers knows exactly what goes into it and even they probably do not know just exactly what it is. Observation, however, teaches that it is an exceedingly potent and dangerous thing to use and there is no doubt that it has been the cause of a number of deaths. In San Francisco, when it was first promoted, it was held responsible for quite a number of deaths though, naturally, the physicians most directly interested do not care to be on record and so do not write up these cases. Phylacogens are mighty good things to leave alone until a proper committee or body of scientific investigators has thoroughly studied the matter and the actual facts can be known. Phylacogens, like some of the patients who receive them, will probably have but a short life.

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LEHN & FINK; A PROTEST.

The following letter has been sent to the JOURNAL, and there is so much truth in it that we take pleasure in publishing it:

"I see Lehn & Fink are like the majority of non-ethical firms. After they get the doctor to using their line, like lysol and purgen, they begin advertising to the laity. See their 'ad' in the *Ladies Home Journal* (past two or three months). In a lot of states and in Germany this is classed as a poison with carbolic acid, etc., and has to be registered for in the same way. I think the *Journal A. M. A.* and all ethical journals should make a kick about this, not only on the grounds of the non-ethical way of advertising but also on the ground that it is too poisonous a product to advertise to the public. I am surprised that the *Ladies Home Journal* will permit it."

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WHY NOT MORE SUCH MEETINGS?

On February 22d there was held, at Del Monte, the annual gathering of the Monterey County Medical Society and the Monterey County Bar Association. It was a good meeting, a good banquet and a very good idea inspired it; anything that will get doctors to mix with other professions, is unqualifiedly good. The toasts responded to at the close of the banquet were as follows: Medical Care of the Socially Inefficient, by T. W. Huntington, M. D.; The Lawyer—Here and Hereafter, by Judge Thomas J. Lennon; An Address, by Judge B. V. Sargent; Medical Legislation, by William Himmelsbach, M. D.; Pills and Briefs, by Mr. A. Mardin; Compensation, by T. C. Edwards, M. D.; Random Shots, by Mr. J. H. Anderson; Professional Courtesy, by W. L. Teaby, M. D.

In a number of counties there are good, live medical societies and bar association; why not steal this idea from Monterey and get together once a year for a joint session of well mixed wit and wisdom? Surely we can each learn something from the other, even if it is only the fact that the other fellow is not so bad after all!

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PROMOTING FAKES.

In its issue for March, the *American Journal of Clinical Medicine*, formerly the *Alkaloidal Clinic*, the "house organ" of the Abbott Alkaloidal Co., contains in its editorial columns quite an interesting article. The publication sent to 1000 of its subscribers a letter asking a number of questions of more or less interest and "received 651 replies." "To the question, Do you own your own home? 657 physicians replied yes and 81 no." Unless our arithmetic is quite forgotten, or some new system